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1. [REDACTED] Chuck Meissner, Professional Staff Member, Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called concerning the oil briefing of Senator Charles H. Percy's (R., Ill.) staff personnel scheduled for Friday. He said he would do what he could to narrow down the list of those who would attend the briefing. Meissner clearly understands that our interest is to protect against escalating demands for such briefings which would be beyond our resource capability and he said he would let me know the outcome tomorrow.

2. [REDACTED] Received a call from William Schneider, Legislative Assistant to Senator James L. Buckley (R., N. Y.), requesting, for the Senator, whether we had any information on training of Puerto Ricans by Cubans for revolutionary purposes and U. S. S. R. compliances with SALT. Schneider acknowledged that the Senator was heavily involved in the New York state gubernatorial battle and of our interest in assuring that information we provide would not be used in that connection on an attributable basis, which Schneider appreciated. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Al Schnee, Congressional Relations, State Department, called as a follow-up to my earlier conversation with Kempton Jenkins, Congressional Relations, State Department, on the ceiling for Lao expenditures in the Foreign Aid bill (S. 3394), and explained that State lawyers have no problem with the provision. When I said I didn't think we necessarily agreed with that position, he suggested that we deal directly with the State legal office and suggested Jim Michaels. I called Michaels but he is on leave and was told that Ted Borek would return my call.

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25X1 4. [redacted] Kempton Jenkins, Congressional Relations, State Department, called to advise that the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in markup this afternoon, had approved a Hughes-type amendment on covert action with the principal difference that the Presidential report "would be to the Congress" rather than the Committees having jurisdiction, as provided in the Hughes amendment. I told Jenkins that this amendment now appeared to be unnecessary in view of the action by the House yesterday granting the House Foreign Affairs Committee certain jurisdiction over intelligence matters affecting "foreign policy" and that it would be helpful if the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in reporting out the recommitted Foreign Aid bill, dropped the Hughes rider.

We also discussed the role of the ambassador provision in the State Authorization bill which was approved by the House yesterday with our fallback position "under the direction of the President."

25X1 5. [redacted] Rick Howe, an intern in the office of Representative Victor V. Veysey (R., Calif.), called for information on the status of covert action legislation in the Congress. I referred him to the Senate action on the Hughes amendment and we discussed the action by the House yesterday in expanding the jurisdiction of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to include intelligence activities relating to foreign policy. I then referred him to the House Foreign Affairs Committee for the definitive meaning of the House action, indicating that this was solely a matter for Congressional determination.

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25X1 7. [redacted] Met with Jim Davidson, Counsel, Senate Government Operations Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, concerning 6.5318, the right of privacy bill. He said there still was no position by the Committee as to the Agency's request for a partial exemption. He asked that I check with him tomorrow.

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At the close of the day, I talked to Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, about the House action on the Bolling/Hansen report yesterday and the action of the Foreign Affairs Committee on amendments pertaining to covert activities. Czarnecki said he considered both the Bolling/Hansen agreement and the Hughes type amendment passed by the Foreign Affairs Committee to be consistent with the understanding which was reached between Dr. Kissinger, the Director and the leadership of the Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Committees about ten days ago. He also confirmed that Chairman Morgan has not worked out the details as to whom in the Foreign Affairs Committee this information should be passed to. I told him we were in a position to talk to the appropriate parties when that decision was reached and he said he would let us know as soon as "things jell."

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